information received from 13 State Electricity Boards (SEBs) for the year 1997-98, the estimated average cost of Hydel and Thermal power generation for these 13 SEBs taken together is of the order of 43 p/kwh and 139 p/kwh respectively. The cost of generation for NTPC's power stations for the year 1997-98 varies between 58.46 p/kwh (Korba STPs) to 259.24 p/kwh (Gandhar GPs).

(b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) It is difficult to compare the cost of power generation between the various countries due to differences in cost of fuel, fuel transportation, capital cost, difference in the tax regime etc.

Creating funds for Development of T and D System

4817. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the steps taken to create funds for development of transmission and distribution systems and for undertaking renovation and modernisation activities in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): Planning Commission have initiated a Scheme for creation of special fund named Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) in order to give a fillip to the reform process in the power sector. The schemes proposes to cover activities relating to Renovation and Modernisation/Life Extension/Uprating of generating stations (both thermal and hydel) and strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution system. An amount of Rs. 1000 crores has been allocated for this scheme in the current year. The modalities for implementing the scheme and funding pattern are being finalized by the Planning Commission.

Capacity Utilisation of Power Plants

4818. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity utilisation of thermal and hydel power plants in US, UK, Russia, China, South Korea, France, Australia & India; and

(b) what was the estimated capacity utilisation of the Thermal and Hydel Power plants at the point of their installations?

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(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The actual capacity utilisation in terms of Plant Load Factor (PLF) for thermal power stations in the country for the year 1999-2000 was 67.3% compared to PLF of 52.5% for the year 1975-76. The PLF in respect of nuclear power stations was 81.1% for the year 1999-2000 and 46.9% for the year 1975-76. The generation for hydro power station depends on the availability of water, hence their utilisation factor is not calculated. The PLF in respect of power stations of other countries is not monitored by the Central Electricity Authority, responsible for collection and compilation of such data in respect of power sector in India.

FDI in Power Generation

4819. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign direct investment (actuals) till now for power generation since 1991, year-wise and project-wise;

(b) the FDI in the power transmission sector since the sector has been opened-up, project-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the FDI in the power distribution sector since the sector has been opened-up, project-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

IPP Dues to NLC

4820. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Barsingsar in Rajasthan was offered to Neyveli Lignite corporation (NLC) for Mining/Power Generation;

(b) if so, what are the results thereof;

(c) what is the present status of the Power Generation Unit at barsingsar; and

(d) whether it is true that Independent Power Project (IPP) is proceeding haead with the Barsingsar project without payment of dues to NLC and various agencies of Government of Rajasthan?

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